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# Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Thursday, January 9. 1724

From the Evening Post, Jan. 4.

Since our last arrived 1 Mail from France.

Petersburg, Decem. 5.

**S**OME Dispatches lately arrived from Derbent, take up very much the Thoughts of the Court. 'Tis reported, that the Army of Meriweys is again encamped in the Province of Schirvan, and have been reinforced with 4000 Turks; That thereupon the Russians have posted their Forces very advantageously near Andreoff, upon the River Korre, to observe the Motions of the Rebels.

The Receiving those Advices has occasioned a further Delay of our Emperor's Journey to Moscow, which he will not begin till after New-year's-day. His Majesty foresees that a Rupture with the Porte is unavoidable; he intends to obtain an Alliance with the Emperor of Germany, for which End he will send an Embassy to Vienna very shortly.

Hague, Decem. 31. Our West India Company designs to send three Fregats to make new Discoveries in the West Indies.

London, Jan. 4. On Wednesday last John Basker, Esq; the King's Printer (for England) presented His Majesty, from the University of Oxfrd, their Almanac for the Year ensuing; which His Majesty received very graciously. He afterwards presented the same to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

One Day this Week her Royal Highness the Princess Anne had a Present made her of a fine Nolegay, consisting of most of the Spring Flowers, being the wonderful Product of the present mild Season.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 117, 1 8th. S. S. Annnities, 101, 1 half. Bank, 128. India, 138, with the Dividend. African, 26, 1 half. York Buildings, 13, 1 8th.

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*From the Flying Post.*

*Hague, Jan. 5.* They write from Turkey, That the new Minister who is arrived there from Meriweys, brought 6 beautiful Persian Horses, as a Present from his Master to the Sulran and Visier; that he is treated at the Porte with the same Honours as the Ministers of Crown'd Heads, and allowed 100 Crowns weekly for Subsistence. This gives such Umbrage to the Russians, that their Resident is retired, as they say, privately to his own Country; and the Russian Merchants at Constantinople are sending away their Effects as fast as they can to Places of Security, for fear of a Rupture between the 2 Empires: For this Reason also, many Families in the Ukraïn have put themselves under the Protection of the Turks and Tartars. Preparations are making to have a strong Fleet in March next upon the Black Sea; but lest such Preparations should alarm the Court of Vienna, the Grand Visier sent lately for the Emperor's Minister, and acquainted him that the Sultan had brought his Troops into the Field for no other Reason but to stop the Progress of the Muscovites on the Frontiers of Persia; that therefore he hoped the Emperor would not concern himself in the Quarrel; and that the Sultan intended to send a solemn Embassy to Vienna, to give the Emperor further Assurances of his Friendship, and of his sincere Desire to adhere religiously to the late Treaty concluded with Germany.

Letters from Moscow of December 4th, which is about a Week fresher than those we have from Turkey, intimate, that the Muscovites have Cause enough to be jealous; for the very Expresses which the Russian Minister at the Porte sends to the Czar are narrowly watched till they are got out of the Ottoman Dominions; to prevent the Couriers from any Opportunity of seeing the great Preparations which the Porte is making for War.

It will not be long, perhaps, before we hear of some Action near the Pruth, where there is a Body of no less than 20000 Tartars on one Side, who are narrowly observed by 10000 Cossacks, and 4000 Muscovites on the other.

The Letters from Rome by this Post are barren of material Advices. They mention a Story indeed, which if true, you will think very surprizing, viz. That an Anatomist, who lately dissected an old Woman in the German Hospital of St. Saviour, found in the *Cistis vella*, 15 shining Stones pointed like a Diamond, of the Colour of Touch-stones, of the Size of small Nuts, and each three quarters of an Ounce in Weight.

We have Letters from Florence, tho' not directly from the Place, which say, That the Grand Duke has ordered his Plenipotentiary at Cambray to protest against any Conclusion that may be made in the Congress to his Prejudice: That he has resolved to pay off the Debts of his Sister, the Electress Dowager Palatine, and to settle 24000 Crowns a Year upon her during Life, together with the Revenues of the City of Urbino, pursuant to the Assignment made over in Trust by Cosmo I. to his Female Line on Failure of Issue Male, and that he has appointed Commissioners to examine a Scheme presented by the Marquis Damis for encreasing the Trade of Leghorn. 'Tis reported, That his Highness forms Pretensions upon Castiglione, and that is the Reason why he has not yet sent an Embassy to the Pope. The Differences between the King of Sardinia and the Regency of Geneva are on the Point of being accommodated; as also the Matters in dispute betwixt the Emperor and the Canton of Zurich.

The Popish and Protestant Cantons are very still, but so jealous of each other, That both are upon their Guard for fear of Surprize.

They write from Cologne, That on the 3d Instant all the Bells in the City were toll'd from 6 in the Morning till 7, from 11 a Clock till Noon, and from 6 in the Evening till 7. That about Noon the Corpse of the late Elector was brought in a Coach drawn by eight Horses from Bon to the Gate of St. Severin, from whence it was conducted by the Secular and Regular Clergy, the Magistrats, the Pope's Nuncio, &c. in Procession to the Cathedral, under a Canopy, and laid upon a Bed of State in the Middle of the Choir, while all the Bells were toll'd and the Cannon fir'd thrice from Ramparts. All the Company repairing again to Church next

Morning

Morning, a solemn Mass was celebrated, with a fine Panegyric on the Deceased, and then the Corpse was interr'd with great Pomp in the Choir of the Church, during which, there was another tripple Salvo of the Cannon.

The Grievances of the Protestants in the Palatinate are augmented faster than they are redressed. The University of Heydelberg, made a Statute in 1711, That when a Rectorship became vacant in the Faculty of Divinity, the Roman Catholicks and Protestants should succeed to that Dignity by Turns. Accordingly upon the Death of the late Rector, it was the Protestants Turn to chuse, who perceiving that the Papists aim'd to supplant them, held a Conference at Manheim on the 16th of December, when they drew up and presented a most humble Petition to the Elector, shewing that it was the Protestants Turn to succeed to the Rectorship, and praying therefore that he would please to conferr it for this Time on a Protestant Professor of Divinity: But the Court not returning a favourable Answer to their just and modest Petition, the Popish Professors met on the 20th, and chose one of their own Body; so that all the Protestants could do, was to protest against the Election, which they did before the new Rector took the usual Oath.

The approaching Election of the Bishops of Liege and Hildesheim is at present the chief Talk of these Provinces. The Emperor has appointed two able Ministers to take care of his Interest at both Elections viz. the Count de Kuffstein at the former, and the Count de Metlich at the latter. The Elector of Cologne arrived at Liege on the last of December, with a numeros and magnificent Retinue, and was saluted with three Discharges of the Artillery from the Citadel. He was met out of Town by a great Number of Persons of Distinction in their Coaches, and was welcomed at his Entrance by the Huzzas of the People. He was complimented at the Gate of the Town by a Deputation from the Magistrats, who conducted him to his Palace, and to do him Honour, allowed him 30 Men for his Guard, with a Pair of Colours; and when he alighted from his Coach, he was complimented by Men of the best Figure in the Town, and by a Deputation from the Chapter. As the Cardinal de Saxe-zeits, another of the Candidates for this Bishoprick, is upon the Road, we are impatient to know how the Ceremonial will be settled, because Electors think it beneath them to yield the Preference to Cardinals.

Paris, Jan. 5. The King of Spain has ordered 3 Months general Mourning for the Death of the late Duke of Orleans. 'Tis said, that when the said late Duke died, above 62 Millions of Livres in Gold was found in his Coffers.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post.*

London, Jan. 2. On Christmase-Eve died Benjamin Aylosse, Esq; who was 95 Years of Age, and had been above 30 Years Keeper and Clerk of the Records of the Duchy Court of Lancaster: His Place is in the Gift of the Right Honourable the Lord Lechmere; as is also that of Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy, vacant by the Death of Berry Entoiffe, Esq;

'Tis said his Majesty gave 500 L. to the Carpenters and Ropemakers in the Dock and Yard at Chatham, and 50 Guineas to Commissioner Kemphorn's Servants, at whose House he lay on Sunday-night last.

*From the Evening Post.*

Petersburg, Decem. 10. On the 5th Instant there were great Rejoicings at Court, on account of its being the Name-day of the Empress; all the Foreign Ministers were invited to the Entertainment, which concluded with a Ball and Fireworks: But the Emperor, who is not perfectly recovered of an Indisposition he had lately, occasioned by a Cold, could not honour the Company with his Presence above an Hour.

Brussels, Jan. 6. They write from Ostend, That the Ships design'd for the Indies took their Provisions on board last Week, and are ready for sailing with the first fair Wind.

Hamburg, Decem. 22. They write from Stockholm, That the King and Queen of Sweden are both in perfect Health. The same Letters add, That there remain still Difficulties about settling the Limits in Finland, the Swedes seeming fully-resolved to keep the District of Wirolax, there being nothing stipulate to the contrary in the Treaty of Newstadt.

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*From the Whitehall Evening Post.*

London, Jan. 4. On the Evening of the Kings' happy Arrival at St. James's, one Charles Barret, a Borough Court Officer, was committed to the Marshalsea Prison, by Justice Mithen, the Marshal of the King's Bench, for cursing his Majesty; but since admitted to Bail.

*From the Weekly Journal.*

It is apprehended, That the Congress of Cambray will not open so suddenly as 'twas expected, because 'tis remarked, that Spain, since the Death of the Regent, seems to be in no great Haste to settle the Affairs of Gibraltar and Port-Mahon, and other Matters in dispute between that Crown and Great Britain; besides, that by the Death of the late Duke of Orleans, the Measures taken by certain Potentates are in danger of being quite broke.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 4, 1724.*

THE Letters by the last Holland Mail, from Petersburg give an Account, That such vast Preparations for War are carried on throughout all Russia, as the like hath not been known. 'Tis said Prince Gallaxin will command an Army in Persia of 100000 Men.

Those from Constantinople say, That as soon as the Troops which are transported over the Hellespont are arrived at the General Rendezvous upon the Frontiers of Persia, 'twas expected there would be a vigorous Action between them and the Russians. 'Tis added, That great Preparations are making, in order to have their Gallies ready to put to Sea early in the Spring, by which Time they hope they shall be able to attack the Muscovites on all Sides.

Advices from Florence relate, That the Grand Duke of Tuscany has sent new Credentials to his Plenipotentiary at Cambray, with Orders to protest against all that shall be done in that Congress to his Prejudice. 'Tis said likewise, That this Prince is forming some Pretensions on Castle-Leon, a Place which has been many Years in Possession of the Holy See; and 'tis upon this Account, that his Royal Highness has not yet sent an Embassy to Rome.

On Thursday last in the Evening, Dr. Shippen a Physician, Brother to William Shippen Esq; Member of Parliament, went into a Coffee-House in Earl's Court near Drury-Lane, where he had not been above the Space of 2 Minutes, but a violent Fit of Apoplexy seized him, he dropt down; and Surgeons being sent for, he was let Blood, and continued in strong Convulsive Fits till 5 yesterday Morning, when he expired, having had the Assistance of Dr. Friend, Dr. Welsted, and Dr. Dodd: His Brother the Reverend Dr. Shippen was with him when he died.

When the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs waited last Thursday on his Majesty, an Offer was made to knight Mr. Alderman Bellamy as well as Mr. Sheriff Feast; but 'tis said he modestly excused that Honour.

The Commissioners appointed to enquire into the Abuses of Charities, met again yesterday at Leather Seller's Hall; and a new Jury being sworn, exhibited an other Charge against the Parish of St. Butholph's Bishopsgate, in Relation to the Abuses of a Legacy of 38 *L. per Annum*, for cloathing 12 poor Men and as many poor Women; and it appearing that there was in 6 Years a Deficiency of about 30 *L.* The Jury brought in their Verdict accordingly; and the Commissioners are to meet again thereon next Wednesday. The Inquiry into this Legacy, which was left in 1689, was carried no farther back than the last 6 Years; because none of the Church Wardens which served before that Time are now living.

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'Tis reported, That the Bishop of London lately sent for the reverend Mr. M—sy, and signified to him his Disapprobation of the Method used by him of his Prayer before Sermon, viz. *Ye shall pray*, and that his Lordship likewise recommended to him to preach up Divinity and not Physick.

By a French Mail arrived to Day, we have the good News of her most Christian Majesty being in a fair Way of Recovery from her Indisposition of the Small Pox. And that the Count de Rotrinburgh the French Plenipotentiary to the Congress at Cambray, was set out for that Place.

They write from Boston in New-england, That the General Assembly there, have voted Supplies for the speedy repairing the Fortifications of those Places, which are Barriers against the Indian Enemy, and to give Encouragement to great Numbers of Families which are retiring from the Frontiers to continue in their Settlements.

We hear that the next Week the Leostoff, the Shoram and Sheernels Men of War will be put into Commission for the West Indies.

Last Night one Mr. Richmond, a half Pay Officer, had the Misfortune to fall into the Canal in the Park and be drowned, which was something extraordinary, the Water being not above 3 Foot deep.

Yesterday died in Child-bed Mrs. Tonson, the Wife of Jacob Tonson Esq; Stationer to his Majesty, and is the First that is like to be buried at the new Church in the Strand, a Vault being made there for that Family.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

**T**Here is come straight from the River of Sevil in Spain, a Parcel of fine red Sevil Oranges, and good Lemons, to be sold at 8 Pence per Dozen, at 40 or 35 Shillings Sterling, in whole Chests, as also good China Oranges, Chesnuts, Walnuts, Spanish Nuts, Onions, red Herrings; all at reasonable Rates, to be Sold the first Loft above the Weigh-house in Leith.

365 There was stolen some time ago, a fine black Velvet plain Scarf, lined with black Manto Silk, with a fine black Velvet Hood belonging thereto. Any Person or Persons, that can give notice thereof, so as the same may be got back; to John Blair at John's Coffee-House, shall have two Guineas Reward; and no Questions asked.

†† These are to advertise, That the annual general Meeting of the Friendly Contributors of Edinburgh, is to be held on Monday the 13th. of January Inst. at 3 a-Clock Afternoon, in Mary's Chapel; where all concerned are desired to be present.

That

\*† That the Lands of Balon, lying near St. Andrew's in Fife, paying yearly, after all Deductions, 15 Bolls 1 Firlot, 1 Peck and an half Wheat, 6 Chalders .4 Bolls 2 Firlois, 2 Lippies Bear, 49 Bolls, 3 Firlots 2 Lippies Meal, are to be exposed to Sale by voluntary Roup, on Thursday the 6th of February next, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, at 4 of the Clock Afternoon. And the Writs and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Chrifty Writer in Edinburgh, at his House above Arthur Reid Vintner, at any Time before the Roup.

N. B. For the Encouragement of Purchassers, it is thought fit to notice, that the greatest Part of the Price may ly in their own Hands till they can conveniently pay it.

Alexander Chrifty;

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